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LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided assistance byway of loan and grant-in-aid for the fishermen who lost their fishing implements in Tsunami;

(b) if so, whether the assistance was given by commercial banks or any other financial agency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to (c) : Yes, Sir. The Union Government has announced Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package (RGRP) and Tsunami Rehabilitation Package (TRP) for restoration of damages in the Tsunami affected States & UTs including fishery sector. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs.79720 lakh by way of grant-in-aid and Rs.63924 lakh by way of loans has been allocated under these packages to the affected States/UTs for restoration of fisheries sector including assistance to fishermen who lost their fishing implements in Tsunami. It has been reported by some of the Tsunami affected States/ UTs that commercial banks have also extended assistance to the fishermen. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs.8171.32 lakh in Tamil Nadu, Rs.311.17 lakh to Andhra Pradesh and Rs.322.46 lakh in Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been provided by the commercial banks/financial agencies.